

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) [[A]] An isolated threonine importer from *Corynebacterium glutamicum*, wherein the threonine importer is expressed by a continuous DNA sequence from the 1,772nd base to the 3,025th base among DNA sequences with the SEQ. ID. No. 1.
2. (Currently Amended) A method for increasing the yield of threonine by defecting the threonine importer from a claim 1 in *Corynebacterium glutamicum* strain having a low threonine requirement as compared to a strain having normal threonine requirements, wherein the threonine importer is expressed by a continuous DNA sequence from the 1,772nd base to the 3,025th base among DNA sequences with the SEQ. ID. No. 1.
3. (Original) A threonine-producing strain prepared by the method as set forth in the claim 2.
4. (New) An isolated threonine importer consisting of a sequence expressed by a continuous DNA sequence from the 1,772nd base to the 3,025th base among DNA sequences with the SEQ ID. No. 1.